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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Failing to Stop for a School Vehicle with Activated Flashing**  
3 **Lights - Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the ~~number of points required to be assessed against~~  
5 ~~an individual for failing to stop or remain stopped for a school vehicle with~~  
6 ~~activated alternately flashing red lights; altering the maximum fine that a~~  
7 ~~person is subject to for failing to stop or remain stopped for a school vehicle with~~  
8 ~~activated alternately flashing red lights; making stylistic changes; and generally~~  
9 ~~relating to penalties for failing to stop or remain stopped for a school vehicle~~  
10 ~~with activated alternately flashing red lights.~~

11 ~~BY repealing~~  
12 ~~Article Transportation~~  
13 ~~Section 16-402(a)(5)~~  
14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
15 ~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)~~

16 ~~BY renumbering~~  
17 ~~Article Transportation~~  
18 ~~Section 16-402(a)(6) through (22), respectively~~  
19 ~~to be Section 16-402(a)(5) through (21), respectively~~  
20 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
21 ~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)~~

22 ~~BY adding to~~

1 ~~Article - Transportation~~  
 2 ~~Section 16-402(a)(22)~~  
 3 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 4 ~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)~~

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 6 Article - Transportation  
 7 Section 21-706  
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 9 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 11 Article - Transportation  
 12 Section 27-101(g)  
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 14 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 16 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 16-402(a)(5) of Article - Transportation of the  
 17 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.~~

18 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 16-402(a)(6)~~  
 19 ~~through (22), respectively, of Article - Transportation of the Annotated Code of~~  
 20 ~~Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 16-402(a)(5) through (21), respectively.~~

21 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED;~~ That the Laws of Maryland  
 22 read as follows:

23 **Article - Transportation**

24 ~~16-402.~~

25 ~~(a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Title 2, Subtitle 5, §~~  
 26 ~~2-209, or § 3-211 of the Criminal Law Article, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of~~  
 27 ~~this State or of any local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as~~  
 28 ~~of the date of violation and as follows:~~

29 ~~(22) ANY VIOLATION OF § 21-706 OF THIS ARTICLE ..... 5 POINTS~~

30 21-706.

31 (a) If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the  
 32 alternately flashing red lights specified in § 22-228 of this article, the driver of any  
 33 other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle shall stop at least 20 feet from  
 34 the rear of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its rear, or at  
 35 least 20 feet from the front of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle  
 36 from its front.

1 (b) If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the  
2 alternately flashing red lights specified in § 22-228 of this article, the driver of any  
3 other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle may not proceed until the  
4 school vehicle resumes motion or the alternately flashing red lights are deactivated.

5 (c) This section does not apply to the driver of a vehicle on a divided highway,  
6 if the school vehicle is on a different roadway.

7 27-101.

8 (g) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the [provisions of §  
9 13-704 of this article or § 21-901.1(a) of this article ("Reckless driving")] FOLLOWING  
10 SECTIONS OF THIS ARTICLE is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000:

11 (1) § 13-704 ("FRAUD IN APPLICATION");

12 (2) § 21-706 ("OVERTAKING AND PASSING SCHOOL VEHICLE"); OR

13 (3) § 21-901.1(A) ("RECKLESS DRIVING").

14 SECTION 4. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
15 effect October 1, 2004.